



Region Three  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bozeman, MT 59718

**Fairweather Fishing Access Site Capital Improvement Project  
Draft Environmental Assessment Decision Notice  
October 30, 2013**

**Proposed Action**

Due to changing flows of the Missouri River and winter ice jams, river currents have undercut, scoured, and eroded the boat ramp and launch staging area. As a result, boat launching has become difficult and unsafe. FWP proposes to construct a new boat ramp in a more protected location, move the launch staging area, and move and expand the parking area.

**Montana Environmental Policy Act**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on September 30, 2013.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken from September 11, 2013 through October 10, 2013. The EA was mailed to 40 groups and individuals.

**Summary of Public Comment**

FWP received no public comments regarding the proposed action.

**Decision**

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the proposed action, Alternative B, as described in the Fairweather Fishing Access Site Proposed Improvement Draft Environmental Assessment. This alternative allows for the construction of a new boat ramp in a more secure location, move the launch staging area for vehicles with trailers to maneuver, and move and expand the parking area at Fairweather FAS.

I have determined that the decision to proceed with the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. By notification of this Decision notice, the Draft EA is hereby made the final EA. The draft EA with the Decision Notice may be viewed at or obtained from

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the address on page 1. This EA is still available for review on FWP's web site (<http://fwp.mt.gov>), under "Recent Public Notices."

If you have any questions regarding this environmental assessment decision notice, please contact Ray Heagney, Region 3 Fishing Access Site Coordinator, at 406-994-6987 or at [rheagney@mt.gov](mailto:rheagney@mt.gov).

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Patrick J. Flowers  
Regional Fish & Wildlife Supervisor

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